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from the savages' presence! The whole party would be able to settle down in Rock Castle again, Perhaps there would be only trifling damage to make good. They would do nothing but watch. •

for the arrival of the *Unicorn!* Their last fears were forgotten, and, after all, they were all together again after surviving so many dreadful trials!

" Shall we start for Rock Castle f" Jack exclaimed, eager to quit the Island,

" Yes, yes ! " said Dolly no less eagerly, Frank had just joined her.

" Would it not be better to wait until to-mor-row ? " Jenny suggested. " What do you think Fritz dear ? "

" What Mr. Wolston and Captain Gould and papa think,* Fritz replied; " and that certainly is to spend this next night here."

" Yes," said M, Zermatt* " Before we return to; , Rock Castle we must be absolutely sure that the savages have no intention of going back there."

" They have gone to the devil already," Jack exclaimed, " and the devil never lets go of anything he has once got in his claws! Isn't that so, goocf old Block?"

" Yes—sometimes," the boatswain answered,
„ Despite Jack's protests and arguments,, it TO^
• | decided to postpone the start until the morrow;
and all assembled at the last meal which they
expected to-take on Shark's Island.